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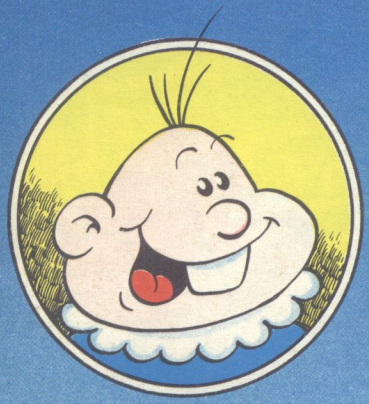
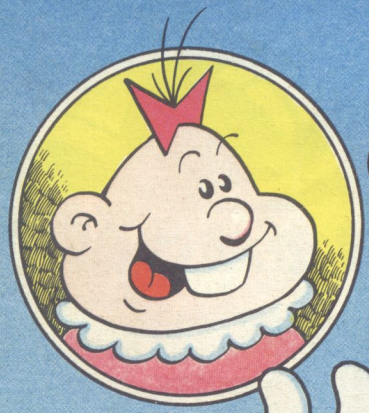
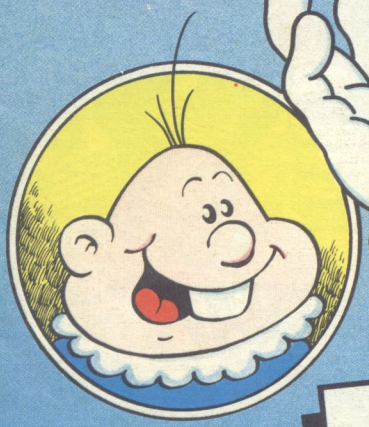
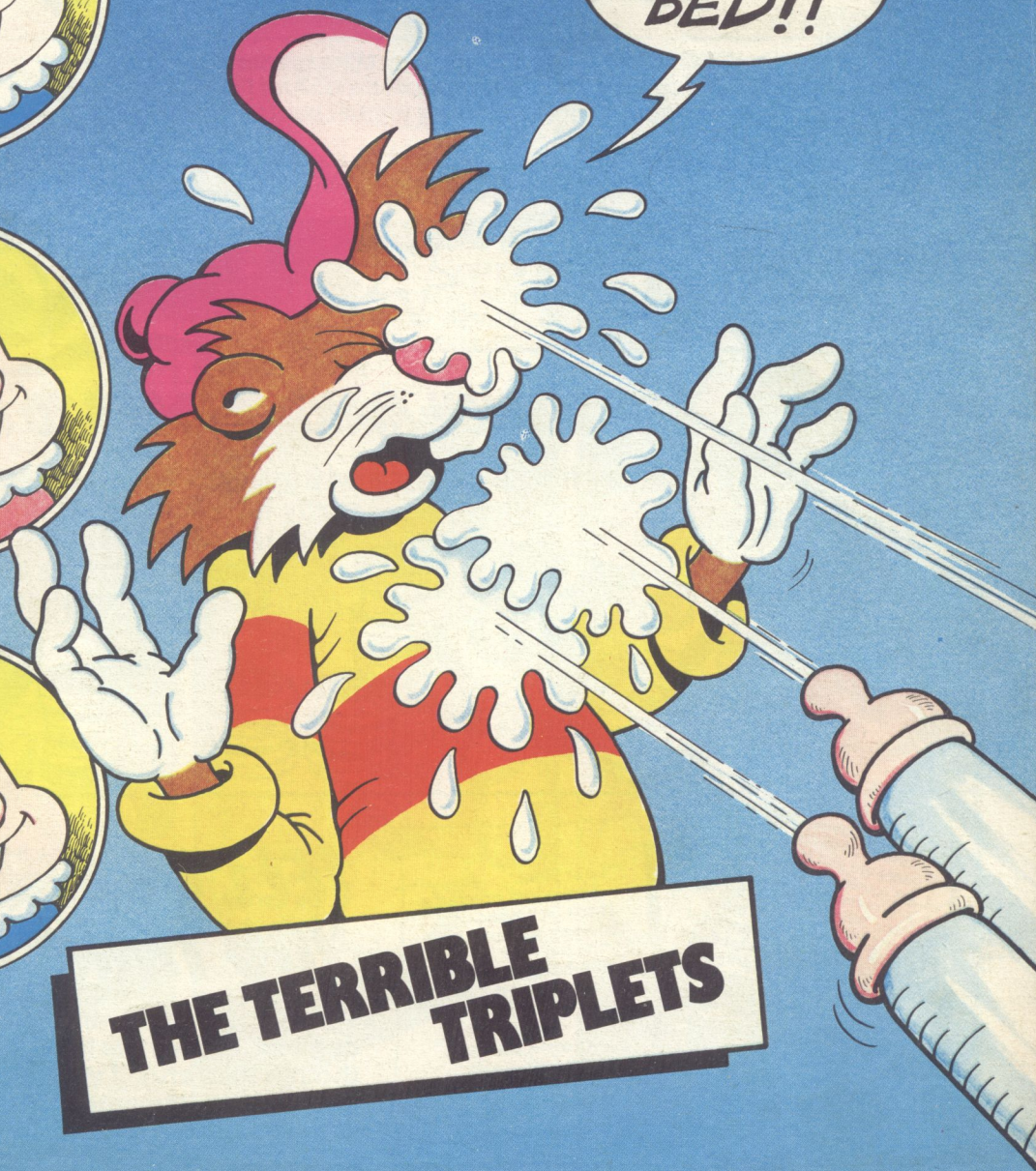








THE TERRIBLE TRIPLETS

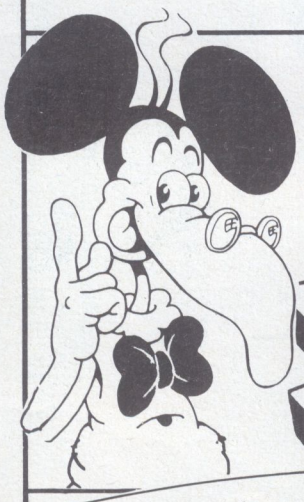
DEAR READERS

Why not start your own MIKE club?

That's right – a Mike Club. In your town, your area or perhaps devoted to your special interest. Like this suggestion from Hugo Lodge, aged 11 of Cardiff:

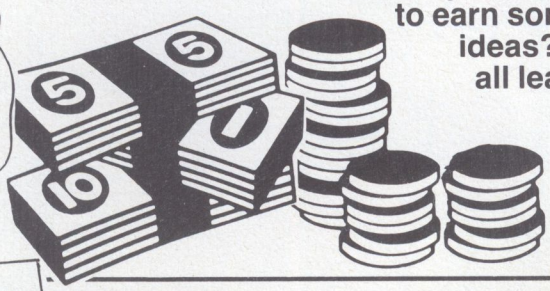
Dear Mike,
I'd like to start a MIKE CONJURING CLUB! Any Mike readers out there like to join? We could swap tricks, puzzles etc. And I'd invite anyone good enough to join me in my annual panto – just for magicians!
If you'd like to hear more, just send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

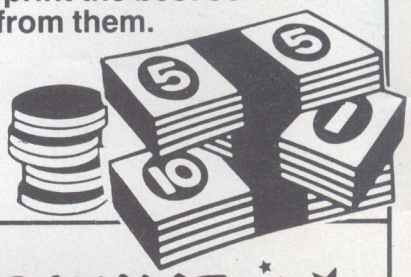
Hugo Lodge (aged 11)
30 Waterloo Road
Penylan
Cardiff CF2 5AE



ANY MONEY-MAKING IDEAS TO PASS ON?

Holiday time's not far away (as the Professor reminds me). I really must do something about trying to earn some spending money. Any ideas? I'll print the best so we can all learn from them.



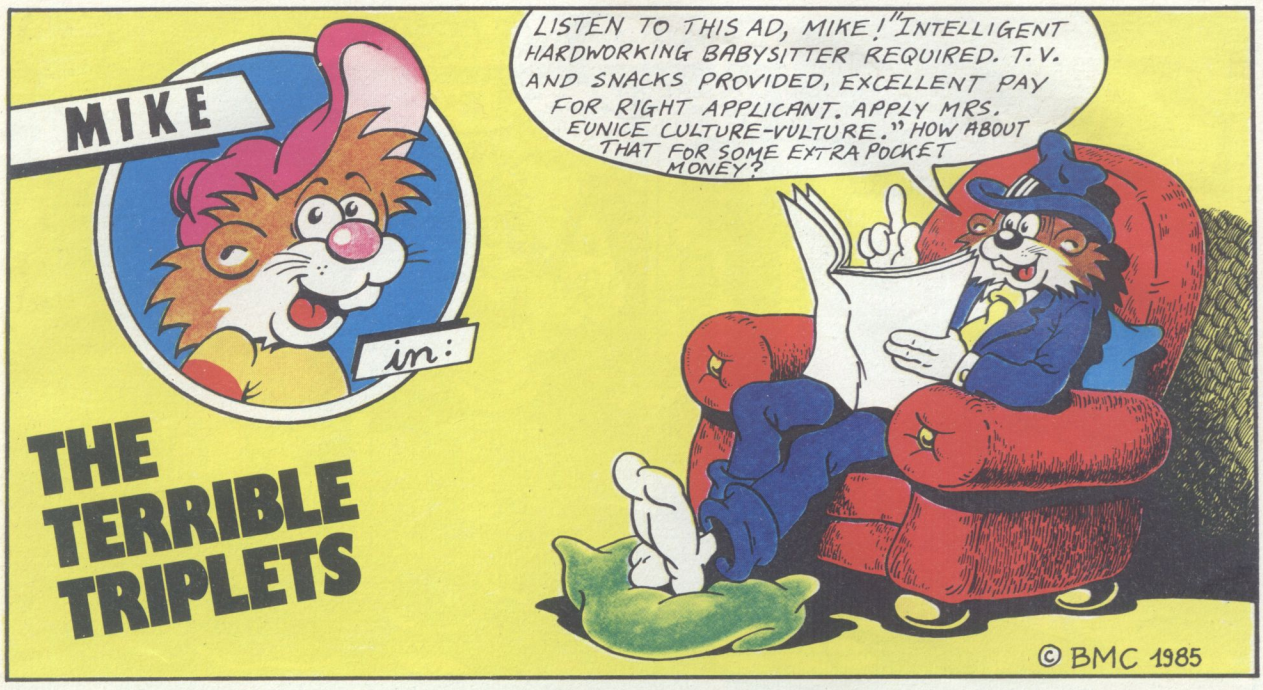


"Dear Mike.
Hi! My name is Paula Christina Allsopp. I am 13 years old and my hobbies are music (I play the piano and recorder), swimming, cats, Wham and hockey. My birthday is 24/8/71. I think your magazine is wonderful and I hope I enjoy a lot more magazines. I have only just started the TSB Jeans Club so I have only had one magazine up to now. Will have to go but I'll write to you again including jokes and puzzles.
Yours,
Paula Allsopp
196 Upper Wortley Road,
Rotherham."

"Dear Mike,
I have just opened a Jeans Scheme savings account. I think it is lots of fun with the poster and stickers and the Mike Magazine.
Yours,
Yvonne Adams,
16 Hale Road,
Widnes, Cheshire."

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Thank you Yvonne and Paula. But we don't just want *nice* letters (pleasant though they are). If you've a criticism let's hear it. Remember the Mike slogan: 'All write, right!'


MIKE
in:
THE TERRIBLE TRIPLETS
LISTEN TO THIS AD, MIKE! "INTELLIGENT HARDWORKING BABYSITTER REQUIRED. T.V. AND SNACKS PROVIDED, EXCELLENT PAY FOR RIGHT APPLICANT. APPLY MRS. EUNICE CULTURE-VULTURE." HOW ABOUT THAT FOR SOME EXTRA POCKET MONEY?
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HELLO, MRS. CULTURE-VULTURE! I'M MIKE THE POCKET-MONEY... ER BABYSITTING EXPERT. I'D LIKE TO LOOK AFTER YOUR BABY, IF —
HOW CHARMING! WHAT EXQUISITE KINDNESS! THEY ARE OF COURSE DELIGHTFUL ONE-YEAR-OLDS-ALL THREE OF THEM!
TELE PHONE DIRECTORY

THREE? COR! TRIPLETS! ER... I CHARGE TRIPLE MONEY FOR —
WELL, THAT'S SETTLED THEN! THEIR NAMES ARE MAULAH, CRUSHAH, AND HULK!!
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

HO, HO! WHAT AMUSING NAMES! IT'S NICE TO MEET PEOPLE WITH A SENSE OF HUMOUR!!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SENSE OF HUMAH?
OH, ER... SEE YOU LATER THEN MRS. CULTURE-VULTURE.
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

MIKE REPORTS FOR DUTY AT SEVEN O'CLOCK SHARP....
THE DEAR CHILDREN ARE ASLEEP! CEDRIC AND I ARE OFF TO THE THEATAH, SO YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN! BUT I'M SURE AN EXPERT LIKE YOU WILL BE FINE!
NO PROBLEM, MRS. CULTURE-VULTURE! WHAT PLAY ARE YOU SEEING?
MACBETH, * BY ER, WOSSISNAME! IT IS OF COURSE MY DEAR WIFE'S FAVOURITE PLAY! MYSELF, I PREFER BENNY HILL!
* THOUGHT TO BE A NICKNAME FOR SHAKESPEARE
DEATH TO TRAITORS!
THE CULTURE-VULTURES FLAP OFF, AND MIKE GETS AN EYEFUL OF HIS CHARGES....
OOOOH! AREN'T THEY SWEET!!
DEAR LICKLE FINGS ALL TUCKED UP IN THEIR BEDDY-BYES! GOOD AS GOLD, THE LICKLE ANGELS!
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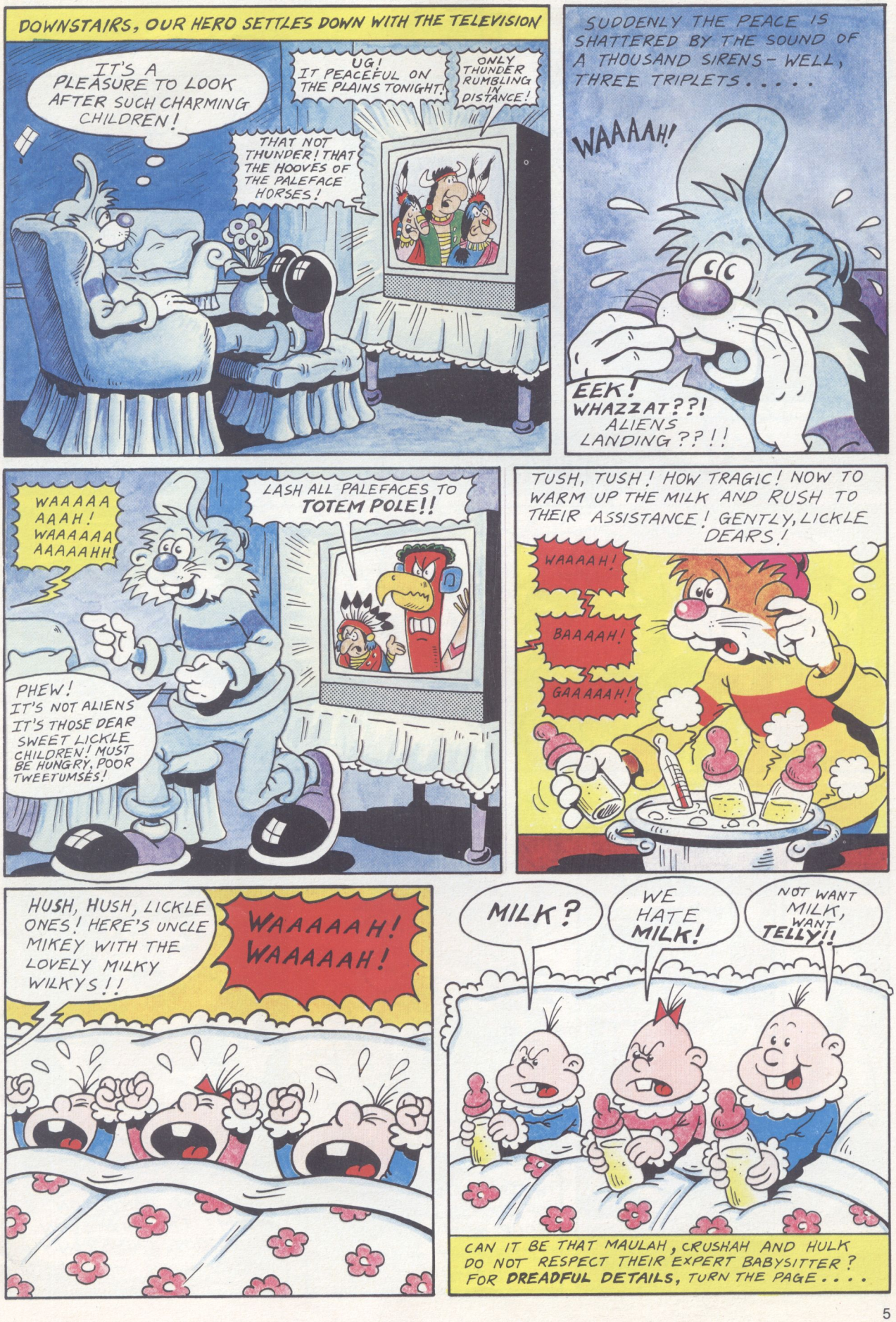
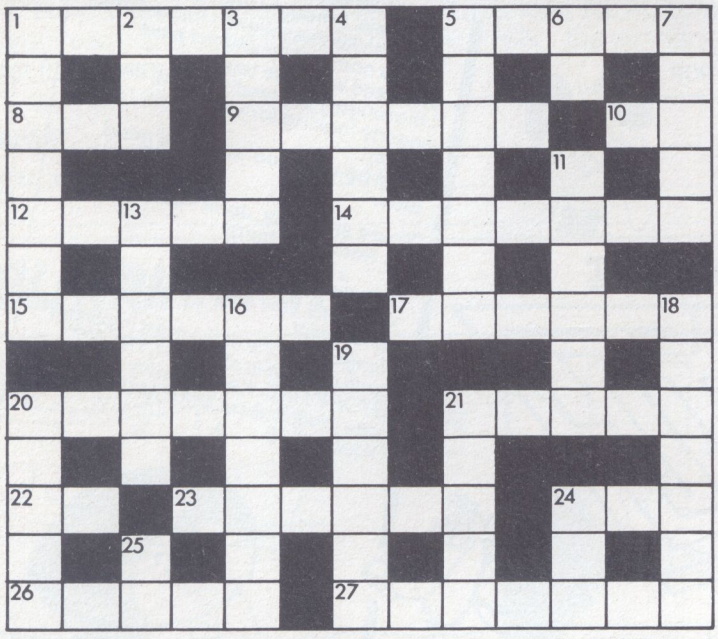

DOWNSTAIRS, OUR HERO SETTLES DOWN WITH THE TELEVISION
IT'S A PLEASURE TO LOOK AFTER SUCH CHARMING CHILDREN!
UG! IT PEACEFUL ON THE PLAINS TONIGHT!
ONLY THUNDER RUMBLING IN DISTANCE!
THAT NOT THUNDER! THAT THE HOOVES OF THE PALEFACE HORSES!
SUDDENLY THE PEACE IS SHATTERED BY THE SOUND OF A THOUSAND SIRENS - WELL, THREE TRIPLETS.....
WAAAAH!
EEK! WHAZZAT??! ALIENS LANDING??!!
WAAAAA AAAH! WAAAAAA AAAAAHH!
LASH ALL PALEFACES TO TOTEM POLE!!
PHEW! IT'S NOT ALIENS IT'S THOSE DEAR SWEET LICKLE CHILDREN! MUST BE HUNGRY, POOR TWEETUMSES!
TUSH, TUSH! HOW TRAGIC! NOW TO WARM UP THE MILK AND RUSH TO THEIR ASSISTANCE! GENTLY, LICKLE DEARS!
WAAAAH!
BAAAAH!
GAAAAAH!
HUSH, HUSH, LICKLE ONES! HERE'S UNCLE MIKEY WITH THE LOVELY MILKY WILKYS!!
WAAAAAH! WAAAAAH!
MILK?
WE HATE MILK!
NOT WANT MILK, WANT TELLY!!
CAN IT BE THAT MAULAH, CRUSHAH AND HULK DO NOT RESPECT THEIR EXPERT BABYSITTER? FOR DREADFUL DETAILS, TURN THE PAGE....

TELLY? CERTAINLY NOT! IT'S WAY PAST YOUR BED-TIME! BESIDES, THE FILM'S NOT FOR, ER, LICKLE CHILDREN!! AND, ER,... DRINK YOUR NICE MILK YOU LITTLE HORRORS-
MIKE'S LITTLE CHARGES DO NOT TAKE KINDLY TO DISCIPLINE! THREE BABY BOTTLES SWING TOWARDS OUR HERO -
AND GO BACK TO SLEEP - GLUB!!
SQUIRT!
YOUR MUM AND DAD WILL HEAR OF THIS!!!
OI!! WHERE'D THEY GO? MAULAH! CRUSHAH! HULK! UNKIE WAS ONLY JOKING!
DON'T BE SCARED! JUST MY BIT OF FUN!
(FALSE TITTER) WASN'T THAT FUN! OF COURSE I WON'T TELL YOUR MUM AND DAD! LET'S PLAY A LITTLE GAME.....
ROTTEN LICKLE TEARAWAYS!!
WAIT TILL I GET MY HANDS ON THEM! THEY'LL SOON FIND OUT THEY CAN'T MESS WITH ME!!!

SUDDENLY-
GOT 'IM!
WHA...?
LASH 'IM!
TRUSS 'IM!
TELLY!
OOF!
TELLY ON!!
TELLY ON QUICK!!
WHY DOES THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME? UNFAIR!!!
TOPPLED BY THE TOTS, MIKE FEELS RATHER EMBARRASSED. IT'S NO JOKE TO BE TRIPPED BY TRIPLETS! (SNIGGER!)
PALEFACE!
PALEFACE SPEAK!
PALEFACE SPEAK WITH FORKED TONGUE!
LEMME GO MIDGET VILLAINS!!
IF YOU DON'T UNTIE ME RIGHT AWAY, I'LL, I'LL... I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO!

MUCH LATER, THE CULTURE-VULTURES RETURN FROM THEIR FASCINATING EVENING....
AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE! SUCH A MOVING PLAY! ER WHAT WAS IT CALLED?
MACBETH, FOOLISH HUSBAND! WAS IT NOT SOOPAH? AND SO HANDY TO HAVE A BABYSITTAH!
AMAZING! UM U.S. CAVALRY ARRIVE JUST IN TIME, AS USUAL!
END
THEM SAVE PALEFACE SCALP FOR SURE!
LOOK! HOW SWEET! THE CHILDREN ARE PLAYING WITH THEIR NEW BABYSITTER. THEY DO SEEM TO GET ON WELL!
COME, SWEETIES! BEDDY BYES! TIME FOR MIKE TO TEAR HIMSELF AWAY AND GO HOME! HE MUST CERTAINLY COME BACK!!
UMPH! NOT ON YOUR NELLIE!
YIPPEE!
WOO-WOO-WOO!
WALLA WALLA!!
THE END
NEXT ISSUE! DID YOU KNOW THAT MIKE IS AN EXTREMELY TALENTED ARTIST?
DON'T MISS HIS STRUGGLES IN THE STUDIO....
SEE YOU THERE, FOLKS!

MR BLIRRIANT'S CLYPTIC CLOSSWORD



Across

1. ____ Bill Cody was a famous citizen of the Wild West (7)
5. Sight, hearing, touch, smell and are the five senses (5)
8. What you do in a chair. (3)
9. The guardians of the Law (6)
10. Either, (2)
12. Eat your dinner off it, but don't put your elbows on it! (5)
14. It's finished! Revolla backwards! (3,4)
15. Cops put robbers in this (6)
17. Opposite to "I do" (1,2,3)
20. Used to be written on one-way-street signs (2,5)
21. Place for dancing, or music for dancing (5)
22. Magic land with wizard (2)
23. Terror of the High Seas, like Captain Hook (6)
24. Bang it into the ground to keep your tent up – or hang your coat on it (3)
26. Very sluggish South American animal that lives upside down in trees (5)
27. To be suspicious of someone (7)

Down

1. Wait here for public transport (3,4)
2. Opposite to thin (3)
3. Crisp green fruit with rosy cheeks (5)
4. Container for lubricant – an coil (anag.) (3,3)
5. Amused with a feather? (7)
6. Special Operations initials (2)
7. 3 r's, an e and an 0? That's a mistake! (5)
11. Happenings – or horse trials! (6)
13. Eggs cooked like this can be hard, soft or medium (6)
16. Huge flightless African bird (7)
18. "Thinked"? Try again — and get it right this time! (7)
19. New road built to avoid town (2,4)
20. and crannies! (5)
21. Put your clothes on! (5)
24. Fruit or meat in a pastry case (3)
25. Post Office initials (2)

We're awarding special pens for the FIRST THREE CORRECT SOLUTIONS opened:

See the July issue of Mike for names of winners. Closing date for entries April 22.

Name .....

Address .....

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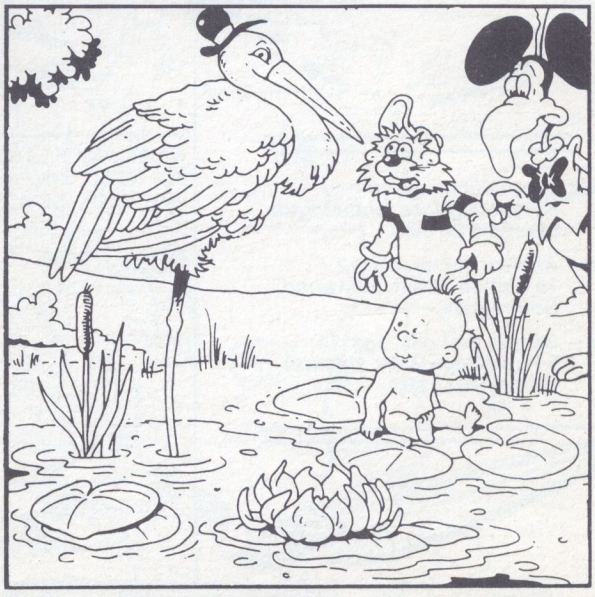
ON THE NATURE TRAIL WITH DR. CHARLIE

Indicate the differences you can find (answers on page 16).



(Solution page 16).

RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RIDDLES!

Brain Teaser for Velly Stupids!

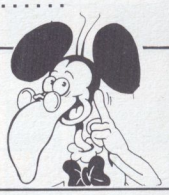
(solution p.16)

Fill in the BLANKS to find a CONNECTION between the FIRST and LAST WORDS: (Hint: do not change ANY LETTERS)

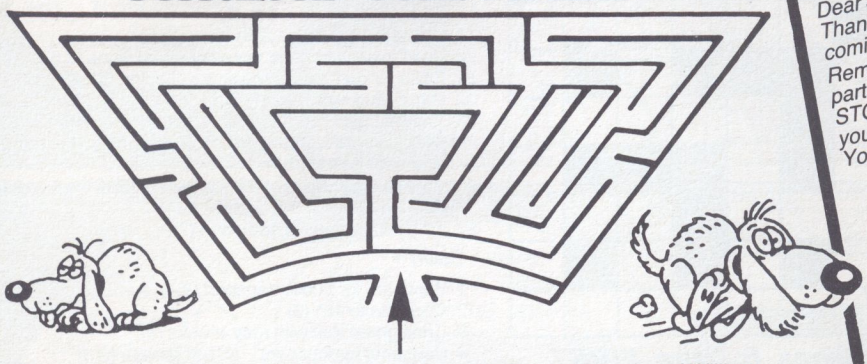
Fizzy drink ..... POP
Sound of small explosion .....
Type of Music .....
Name for Dad ..... POP

BANANA MAGIC

The great conjurer Charko Snarko peeled an untouched banana and HEY PRESTO! – the middle fell into perfect slices! HOW ON EARTH DID HE DO IT!



THREAD THE MAZE

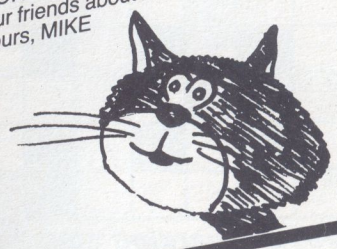


This is a diagram of the maze at Hampton Court, designed in the reign of William III, about 300 years ago. It's easier to thread on paper than on foot – but not much!

Dear Mike,
I have just been reading your great magazine. I thought your drawing classes were excellent. I immediately drew a comic strip which I have enclosed with this letter.
I thoroughly enjoyed the mag and I'm eagerly looking forward to the next edition.
Keep up the good work and good luck.

Yours sincerely, John Penfound. Age 12. Andover, Hants.

Dear John,
Thanks for your letter and your great comic strip!
Remember, one of the most important parts of a comic strip is a STRONG STORY LINE. Keep drawing – and tell your friends about MIKE MAGAZINE.
Yours, MIKE

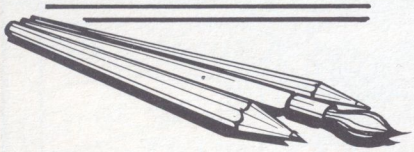


PRIZE WINNERS

1st – Karen Tune, age 10
33 Liberty Place, Stannington, Sheffield S6 5QD

2nd – Andrew Fisher, age 12
15 Bishop Street, Eastwood, Nottingham

3rd – Sandra Nicholls, age 14
5 Highbridge Walk, Uplanes, Bristol BS13 8BA



Ravenous Rodney in: THE BOXING MATCH

I'VE ENTERED FOR THE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS TONIGHT
I'LL WIN I'VE BEEN TRAINING FOR WEEKS
HI RODNEY! I'VE CALLED TO TELL YOU THAT THE BOXING'S CANCELLED
BOP!
WHAT?
OH DEAR RODNEY! IT LOOKS AS IF YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN A REAL KNOCKOUT!!
SPLAT!

BECOME A CARTOON STRIP WRITER

Here's your chance to write the words for a REAL comic strip! Fill the bubbles with a story of your own, and send it to MIKE! We'll PRINT the winner – and there are special pens for the best three entries!

Name _____

Age _____ **Address** _____

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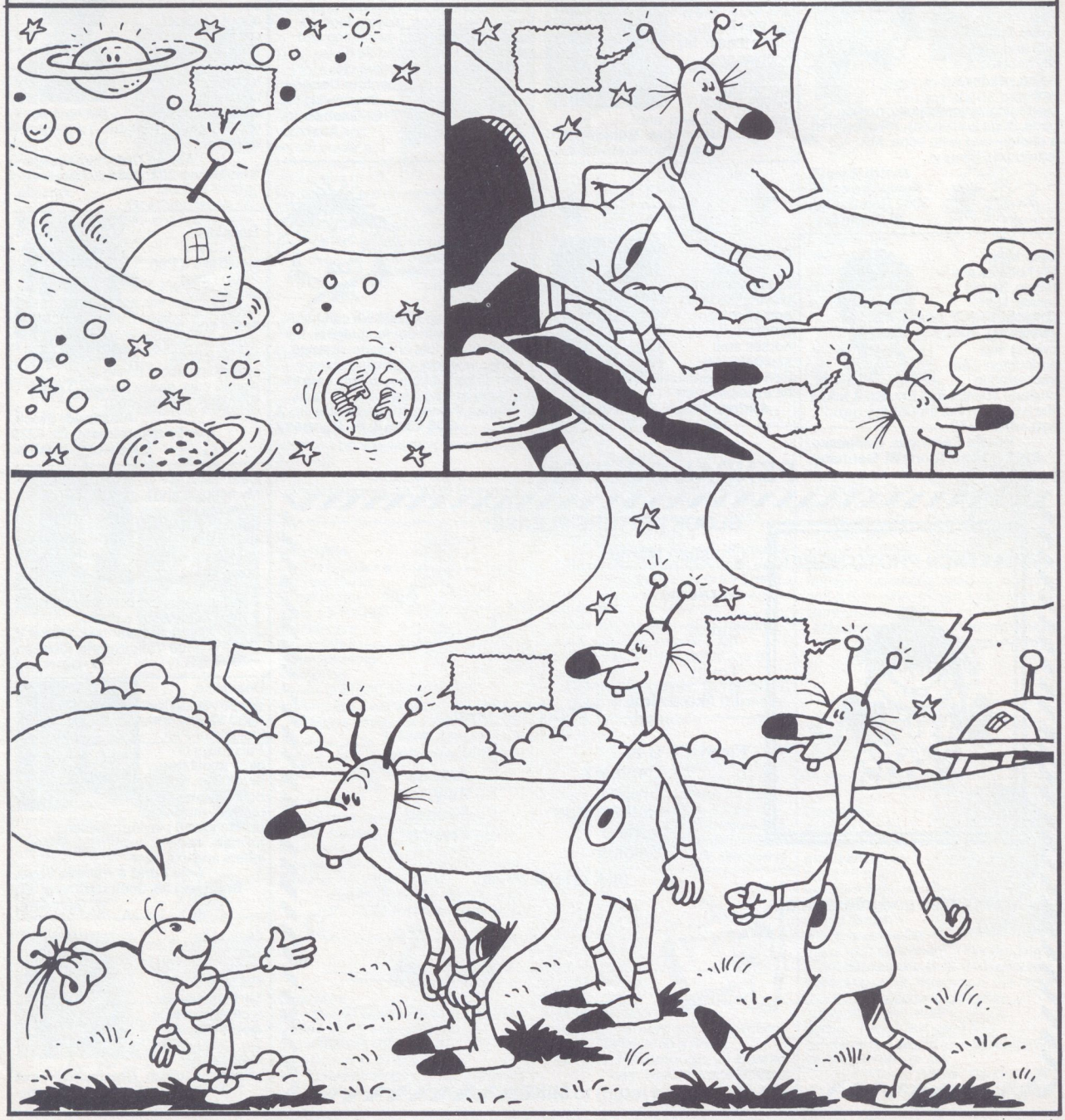

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MIKE'S Pen-Pal Spot

Write to someone overseas - it's great fun!

Dear Mike,
I would like a British Pen Pal. My hobbies are stamps, music, piano, sport, reading. You'll get a photo of me with my first letter. I am 12 years old.

Julia Höpperger, Dreiheiligenstr 29, 6020 Innsbruck. W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am 11 and am looking for two Pen Pals in Great Britain (a boy and a girl). My hobbies are riding, reading, writing, swimming, animals (cats, horses, birds, dogs and so on). Please send a photo – and write soon. My letterbox is hungry!

Judith Brandt, Huebichweg 45, 3362 Bad Grund, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are tennis, table tennis, light athletics, swimming, cycling and badminton. I am interested in postage stamps and English. I would like a girl Pen Pal around my own age, which is 12.

Harald Reisinger, Badgasse, 8212 Pischelsdorf, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are reading, music, stamps and animal pictures, animals (especially cats). My girl Pen Pal should be between 12-13 years old; I am 12½ years old.

Christa Kreuzhuber, Gobrechtsham 26, 4910 Ried, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I am 12-years-old and would like a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain. My hobbies are reading, swimming, playing music, drawing, and, and, and . . .

Irmgard Mahringer, Mühldorf 280, 4644 Scharnstein Austria.

Dear Mike,
I like writing, swimming, ballet, playing the violin and animals (particularly horses and squirrels). My Pen Pal should be a girl between 11 and 14.

Andrea Wrage, Schoolredder 6, 2300 Kiel 17, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am 10 and would like a girl Pen Pal. My interests are reading, music, playing the piano, nature studies, guides, cycling, rollerskating, collecting stamps.

Heidi Gratzl, Försterweg 27, 2136 Laa/Thaya, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I am 13 and am looking for a boy Pen Pal in Great Britain. My interests are collecting stamps, playing football, tennis, gymnastics, swimming and so on. My Pen Pal should be between 11 and 14 years old.

Joachim Dengler, Ihnselweg 26, 7162 Gschwend, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I think your comic is SUPER and best of all the comics. I am 15 and am looking for a boy Pen Pal in England (he should know some German so that we can help each other with our languages). My hobbies are lots of sports, drawing, music, animals, collecting stamps and all sorts of other things. I will try to write at least one letter a month.

Viola Lindner, Klaus-Groth-Str. 3, 2930 Varel 2, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I would like a Pen Pal (a boy or a girl) in Great Britain. I am 14 and my hobbies are pop music, going to the cinema, ski-ing and reading. I speak very good English and will answer every letter!

Sabine Bauer, Richtstattweg 15, 4780 Scharding, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a boy Pen Pal about 11 years old from England. My hobbies are football, collecting stickers, and English – but I am not yet very good at English, I am still learning.

Alfried Unterbuchlangen, Viechfrang 202. 4644 Scharnstein, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I am 13 and would like a Pen Pal in Great Britain. My hobbies are swimming, light athletics, cycling but best of all everything about Flying and Aeroplanes, music (Queen, Laura Branigan, Kajagoogoo).

Alexander Stock. Innsbruckerstrasse 23. 6230 Brixlegg, Austria.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies and interests are reading, painting, swimming, animals, music and posters. I would like a girl Pen Pal aged 8 to 10. Please send a photo.

Silvia Schweinzer, Obirst 2, 9100 Volkermarkt Karnten, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
We are two girls aged 13 who are looking for Pen Pals (boys or girls) about the same age. Our hobbies are reading, music (listening and playing), painting, animals, walking, swimming, writing letters and lots more.

Anja Fürst & Pamela Fosz, Bramweg 36, 2000 Hamburg 55, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am 12 and would like a Pen Pal (boy or girl). My hobbies are football, music, swimming, ski-ing. I will answer every letter.

Franko Luckau, Breslauerstrasse 7, 2448 Burga/Fehmarn, Austria.

PENPAL COUPON

ATTACH PHOTO HERE!

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE!

Christian Name _____

Surname _____ Age _____

Street _____

Town _____

I'd like a Boy / Girl Penpal (tick one)

From:
- ☐ U.K.
- ☐ Denmark
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ Ireland
- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Finland
- ☐ France

(tick one or more)

My Hobbies and Interests are:

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

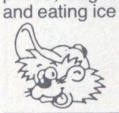
Cut out coupon and return to **MIKE!**

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy Pen Pal in Great Britain. My hobbies are football, cycling, swimming, listening to music and collecting stamps. I am 13.

Frank Mecke, Blumenstrasse 24, 3302 Cremlingen/Weddel, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I am 12 and would like a girl Pen Pal. My interests are reading, guitar, swimming, chatting on the phone, laughing and eating ice cream.

Simone Willig, Goethestrasse 10, 6200 Wibn/Biebrich, Austria.



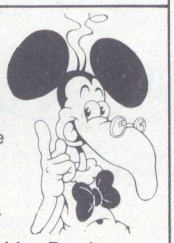
Dear Mike,
I would like a boy Pen Pal in Great Britain. My hobbies are listening to music, swimming, reading, strolling around town and writing letters.
P.S. My letterbox is waiting for post! (Please send a photo.) All letters will be answered.

Christiane Florin, Freiheiterweg 27, 4358 Haltern 6, Austria.

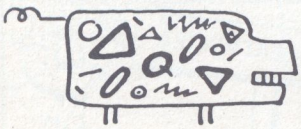
Dear Mike,
I'm looking for a pen pal in England. I have blue eyes and my hobbies are reading, football and playing snooker. I'm nine years old. I would like my pen pal to be a girl about 10 years of age. Thank you.

Jonathan Hunter, 2 Ilkley Walk, Speke, Liverpool L84 0SS.

Dear Mike,
I like animals, music, sport and all sorts of other things. I can write in English and German and would like a girl Pen Pal about 14 years old.



Resi Schneider, Bervingerstr. 6, 5530 Gerolstein-Bervinger, W. Germany.



Dear Mike,
I am looking for a girl or boy Pen Pal in Great Britain. I am 13 years old and my hobbies are: relaxing, reading.

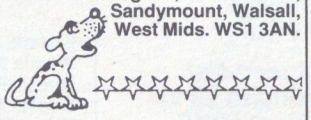
Gerald Trenken, Dr. Erik Heszgasse 318149, 2320 Schroechof, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy or girl Pen Pal in Great Britain. My interests are swimming, reading, stamps, gymnastics, dancing (Break Dancing), sailing, ice skating, cycling, writing letters and music.

Astrid Tazoll, Richard-Kurth-strasse 12, 5020 Salzburg Austria.

Dear Mike,
I'm looking for a pen pal anywhere in Britain. I'm nine years old and would prefer a girl pen pal round about nine or 10.
My hobbies are swimming, playing the organ and I enjoy listening to pop songs. Please send a photograph.

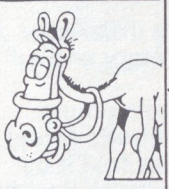
Emma Callaghan, 30 The Pines, Sandymount, Walsall, West Mids. WS1 3AN.



Dear Mike,
My hobbies are listening to music, reading, dancing, writing letters, playing sports (volleyball), swimming and lots more. My Pen Pal can be a boy or a girl aged 14-16 years. Every letter will be answered (please send a photo).

Claudia von Lieshoul, Freiheiterweg 13, 4358 Haltern 6, Austria.

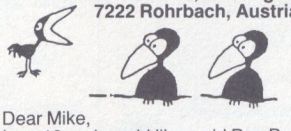
Dear Mike,
I am hoping for a girl Pen Pal in Great Britain aged 13-16. My hobbies are playing the guitar, reading, swimming, music, animals, writing letters, walking etc. I will answer all letters.



Regina Prott, Von-der-Rech-Str. 1, 4790 Paderborn 2, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies: swimming, writing letters, reading, listening to music. My interests: plants and animals. Please write to me. I would like a girl Pen Pal, 11/12 years old.

Judith Polleres, Garteng 40, 7222 Rohrbach, Austria.



Dear Mike,
I am 13 and would like a girl Pen Pal. I enjoy riding, I like animals very much (horses, dogs, birds, cats, hamsters and so on).

Gabriele Kratz, Im Dallfordel 8, 2854 Losestedt-Hesse, Austria.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are music, swimming, flute and English. You can write to me in English or German. I am 13 and don't mind if my Pen Pal is a boy or a girl.

Marion Zandor bei Nikolai, Feldstrasse 29C, 2202 Barmstedt, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I would like a British pen pal. I'm 10 years old and my hobbies include making models, watching the telly, drawing, playing on my bike and girls. I would like a female pen pal.

Nicky Barber, 19 Mitford Close, Oxclose, Washington, Tyne and Wear.

Dear Mike,
Hello boys and girls! I'm 15 years old and want a pen friend in the U.K. My hobbies are reading books, swimming, listening to music and doing nothing. Everyone can write to me – I will answer every letter.

Frank Utrup, Schutzenstr – 83, 4402 Grewen 1, West Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am 13-years-old and I am looking for a pen pal in Britain, France and Austria. If you are in one of those countries please write to me. My hobbies are computers, CB, BMX, photography and music.

Christopher Brown, 26 Ascot Road, Thornton Clevelys, near Blackpool, Lancs FY5 5HN.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are swimming, reading, writing, listening to music and drawing. I am 13 and would like a boy Pen Pal.

Silke Ledergerber, Burgelstr. 7, 6200 Wiesbaden, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am 13 and am looking for a boy Pen Pal in England. My hobbies are skiing, swimming, and reading. My Pen Pal should be aged between 12 and 15. I can write in English or German.

Britta Jobst, Beethovenstr. 40, D-2940 Wilhelmshaven, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am a seven-year-old boy and I would like a penfriend from seven to nine. My hobbies are: drawing, dogs, football, snooker, collecting Starwars men and writing letters. Please send a photo.

Michael Hitchmough, 21 Custley Hey, Stockbridge Village, Liverpool L28 1RN.

Dear Mike,
Is there a pen pal in Britain who can write in German? I hope so because I would love to hear from them. My hobbies are collecting stamps and coins, reading comics, cars, swaps and walking. I am 10.

Wilhelm Harres, Auf der Kupp 34, 6610 Lebach 3, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am 13 and would like a boy Pen Pal. I like nice people, good music, sport, jokes and writing letters. If possible you should know some German.

Christina Kreutzer, Feldastr 46, 6316 Gamunden Felda-1 Austria.

Dear Mike,
I'm looking for a pen friend in Great Britain. My hobbies include collecting stamps, playing chess, sport and reading. I'm 14 years old.

George Portenkirchner, Franz Walde Way 18, 6370 Kitsbuhel, Austria.

Dear Mike,
I'm a 13-year-old girl and I want some pen pals in England. My interests are swimming and I also want to be a scout.

Mie Hakan, Kaprifolieve 1, Copenhagen 2500, Denmark.

Dear Mike,
Hallo Mike! I am 14 years old and am looking for a girl Pen Pal of a similar age. My hobbies are writing, animals (especially horses), swimming, reading, cooking and lots of other things. I can write in German and English.

Alexandra Rapsch, Hasenrainweg 57, 7300 Esslingen, Austria.

Dear Mike,
Anyone like to correspond with me? I am a boy aged 16 and I live in Holland in a little village called Didam which is about 29 miles east of Arnhem. I like reading (Tom Sharpe and P. G. Wodehouse), collecting coins, listening to the radio (not pop!), collecting old radio apparatus, and arguing about politics. I don't like sport and gymnastics. I would love to hear from an English boy or girl.

Jen Willem Bikkel, De Beuk 57, 6941 XI Didam, Holland.

HA-HA! HI-HI! HO-HO!

Q: What's white and goes up?
A: A daft snowflake!

Debbie Jones
Formby

★★★★★★★★★

Q: Why do birds fly south?
A: It's too far to walk!

Teresa Thwaite
Spalding

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WORST PRIZE

Q: How can you tell if there's an elephant in the cupboard?
A: You can't shut the door!

Waiter! I'd like some fish!
Just a moment, sir, and I'll lay a plaice!

Tina Alperon
Bridgnorth

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Q: What lies on the seabed and shivers?
A: A nervous wreck!

Alison Rowe
Stafford

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Wendy!
Wendy who?
Wendy jokes finished, you'd better laugh!

Paul Atkinson
Nelson

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Q: What do you get if you cross a library with a maggot?
A: A bookworm!

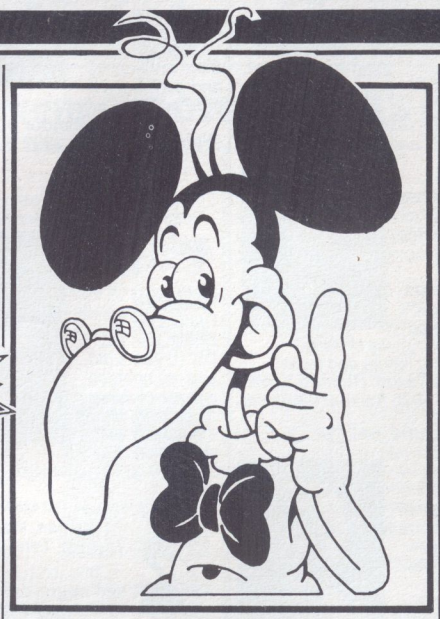
Julie Filer
Smethwick

Q: How do you milk a porcupine?
A: Very carefully!

James Beddoes
Salisbury

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Freezer
Freezer who?
Freezer jolly good fellow!

Gina Race
Wokingham



DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Greetings, loyal readers!

It is truly thrilling to sit at the editorial desk of MIKE MAGAZINE and thumb through your hilarious offerings! Of course it is well known that I have no sense of humour. But last week I must confess I had to CRACK A CHUCKLE at the following excellent quip!

Q: What is the difference between a secretary and a bag of sugar?

A: One weighs a pound and the other pounds away!

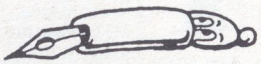
Hilarious! I was told it by my Auntie, who heard it when she was a little girl!

What a boring joke! (Mike)

As you know, we award fascinating and glamorous PRIZES for the WORST joke, the WORST knock-knock joke, and the WORST riddle!

Keep sending them in, dear friends!

Your Joke Editor –
Dr. Charlie Snark



Write to Mike
B.M.C. U.K. Ltd.,
School Gardens,
Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ.

Two men were exploring a haunted house when the lights went out. The first man went down to the cellar to put money in the meter. He saw a 50p coin lying on the table. As he went to pick it up, a voice said:
"I AM THE GHOST OF BETTY GRABLE, THAT 50p STAYS ON THE TABLE".
The first man rushed back to his friend, gibbering with terror.
The second man strode down to the cellar. The 50p coin was still on the table. As he picked it up, he heard the voice say:
"I AM THE GHOST OF BETTY GRABLE, THAT 50p STAYS ON THE TABLE".
The second man thought for a moment. Then he said:
"I AM THE GHOST OF DAVY CROCKETT,
THAT 50p STAYS IN MY POCKET".

William Fitzgerald
Liverpool

Even I think this joke HOPERESS!!
(signed) Mr. Blirriant

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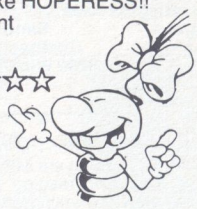


Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Doctor!
Doctor who?
How did you guess!

Amanda Colt
Birmingham

Knock, knock!
Who's there?
Little old lady!
Little old lady who?
I didn't know you could yodel!

Hitesh Mistry
Bolton

Q: What's worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?
A: A centipede with sore feet!

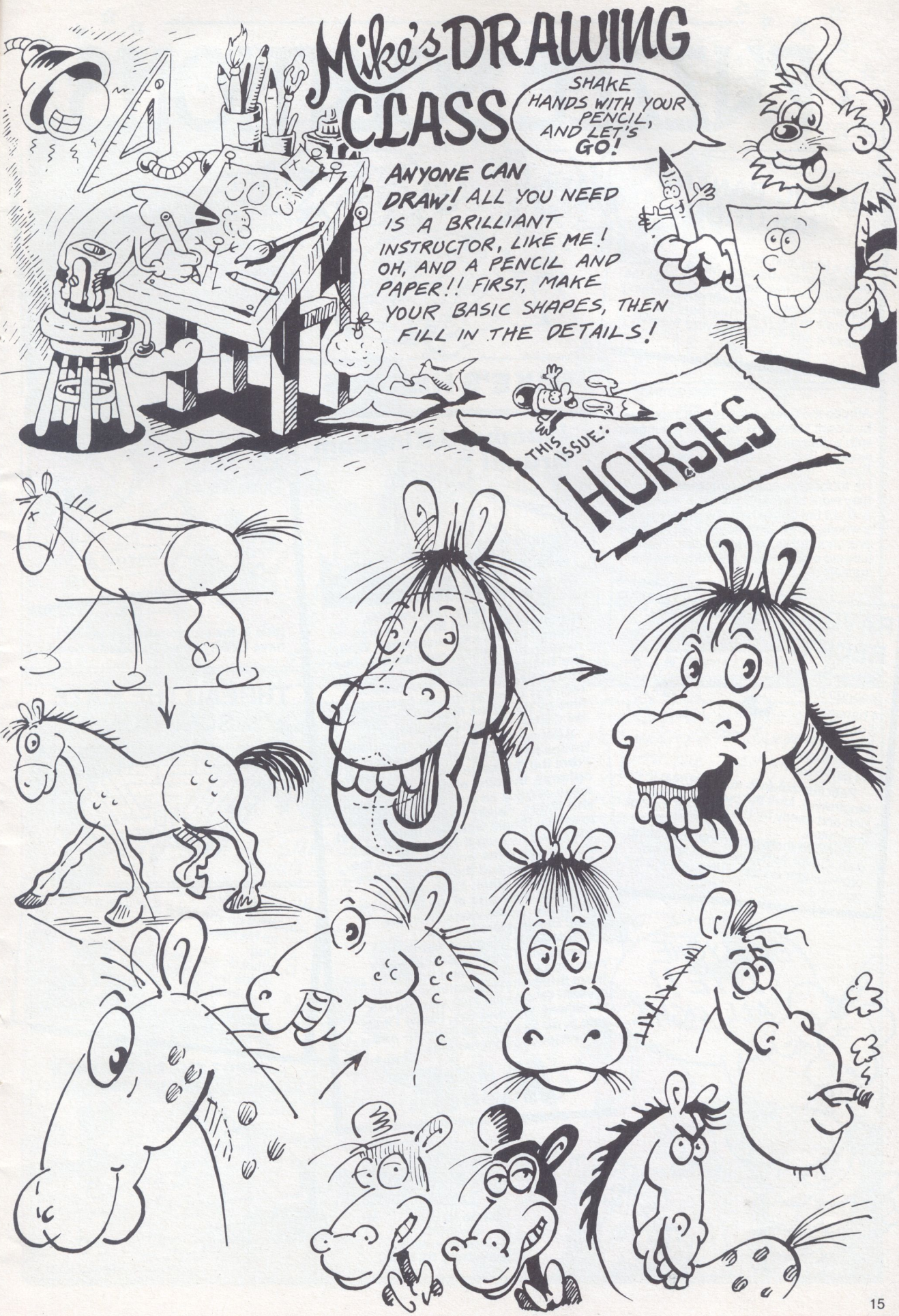
Stephen Griffiths
Garston

Doctor! I keep thinking I'm a dog!
How long has this been going on?
Ever since I was a puppy!

Chanchal Mandair
Smethwick

Notice in Cannibal restaurant:

"PAY NOW – EAT WAITER"


Mike's DRAWING CLASS
SHAKE HANDS WITH YOUR PENCIL, AND LET'S GO!
ANYONE CAN DRAW! ALL YOU NEED IS A BRILLIANT INSTRUCTOR, LIKE ME! OH, AND A PENCIL AND PAPER!! FIRST, MAKE YOUR BASIC SHAPES, THEN FILL IN THE DETAILS!
THIS ISSUE:
HORSES

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

MAGIC BANANA SOLUTION

take a long, thin needle, and push it into the banana. Move the needle carefully, so that the part of it inside the banana makes its cut without enlarging the hole in the skin! Then peel the banana and ASTOUND your friends!

Dear Mike,
I get £1 pocket money. I make my money go further by putting 50p in the Bank, spending 25p for stamps to write to you, or when I get my new penpal. That leaves 25p to spend or save for special occasions. Sometimes I get a bit extra for things like that, so I save that as well.
from, Nicola Newport, Stroud, Glos.

MIKE'S HEROES

Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Born in the early 19th century, Isambard Kingdom Brunel at first worked for his engineer father. While helping dig the Wapping tunnel under the Thames, he was injured in a cave-in, and sent to Bristol with orders to rest. Far from resting, he occupied his time by doing the first drawings for the Clifton Suspension Bridge!

After working on the Suspension Bridge he redesigned Bristol Docks. From the Docks he passed on to the railways, building more than 1000 miles of track all over England, Ireland and Wales. Finally he turned his mind to ships. Steam was then in its earliest days, and he built three of the first steamships – the *Great Western*, the *Great Britain*, and the *Great Eastern* – one after the other. Each was the largest in the world at the time of its launching. Some years later, the *Great Eastern* laid the first Transatlantic telegraph cable.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel was a man who could do many things, all of them brilliantly. He reminds me of myself! Of course, I am starting in a small way. But one day, I hope I'll be able to do as much as Brunel – and make a lot of pocket money!

MIKE

Write to Mike, c/o BMC, School Gardens, Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ

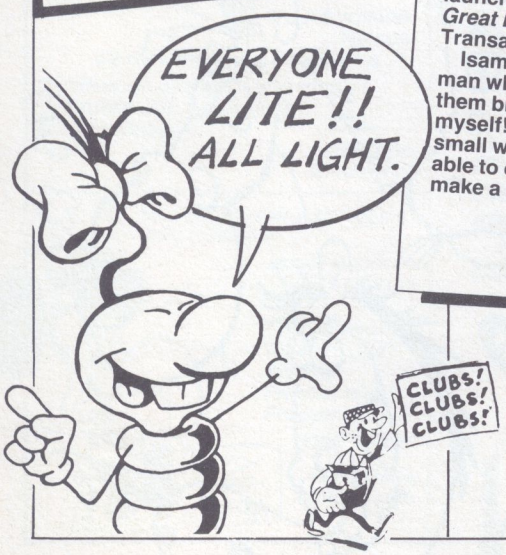
Alfredo the Great Genius was imprisoned by Count Nasti, and locked in a dungeon with a door of iron, walls of granite and a wooden bed. How did he escape?
Easy!
He rubbed his hands on the walls until they were sore. Then he took the saw and cut the bed in half. Two halves make a whole; so he climbed through the hole and shouted till he was hoarse. Then he jumped on the horse and rode into the sunset!

RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RECIPE

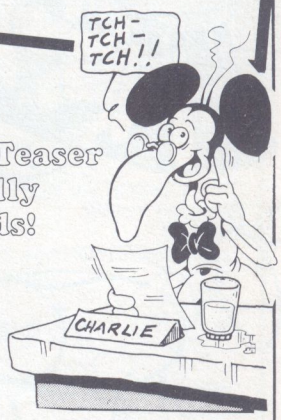
Special Bananas
(enough for 4)
4 bananas
2 oz butter
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1/4 pint cream

Peel the bananas and cut them in half lengthwise. Melt the butter in a frying pan and gently fry the bananas for 2 or 3 minutes.

Remove them into a shallow baking dish. Cover with cream and sprinkle brown sugar on top. Place under a hot grill for 3 minutes.



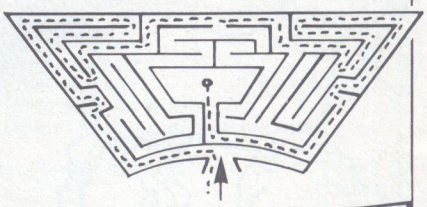
Brain Teaser for Velly Stupids!



POP
POP
POP
POP

(this is the stupidest brain teaser I have EVER seen – Dr. Charlie Snark).

THREAD THE MAZE SOLUTION



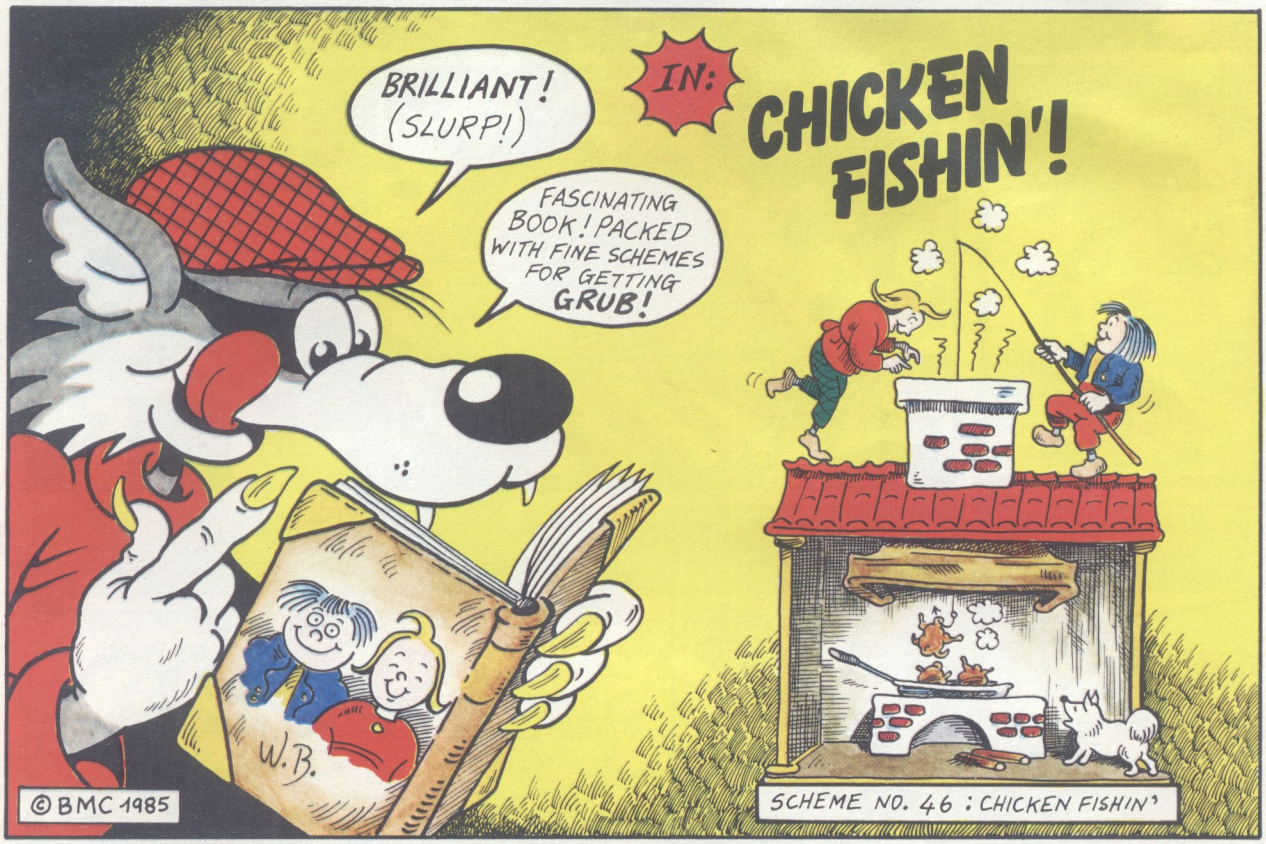
Q: What do you call a man with a spade on his head?
A: Dug
Q: What do you call a man without a spade on his head?
A: Dug-less!

Rachel Bridge
Huddnall

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE SOLUTION

RAVENOUS RODNEY WOLF

SPECIAL GUEST - BONEHEAD BADGER


BRILLIANT! (SLURP!)
FASCINATING BOOK! PACKED WITH FINE SCHEMES FOR GETTING GRUB!
IN: CHICKEN FISHIN'!
W.B.
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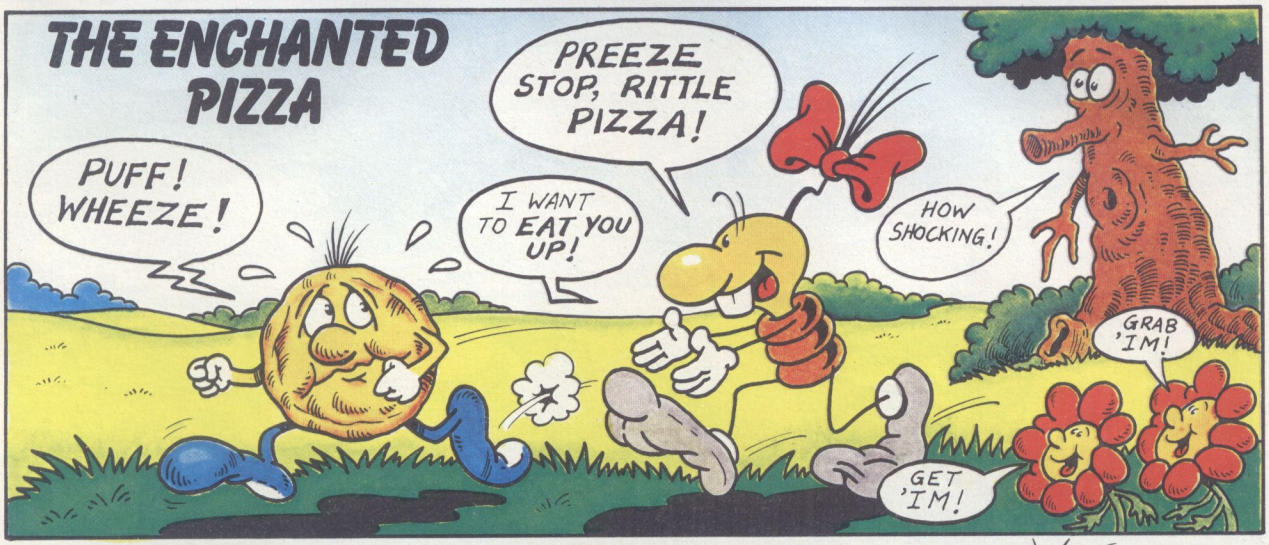
SCHEME NO. 46 : CHICKEN FISHIN'

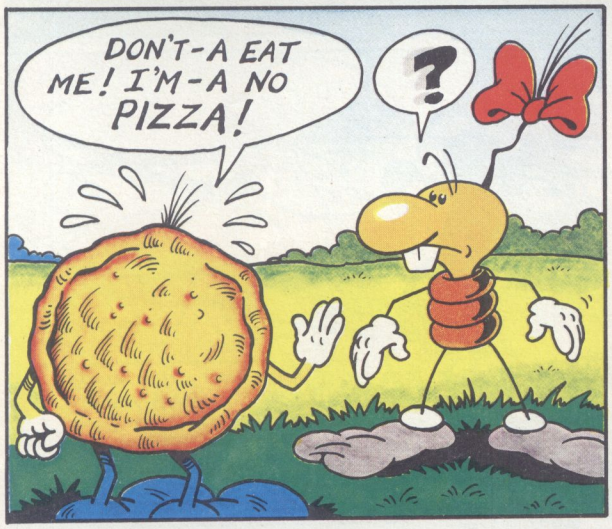
A PAIN IN THE STOMACH GIVES ME A PAIN IN THE NECK! I'M STARVING! SO IT'S OUT WITH THE FISHING ROD AND DOWN TO COLONEL CLUCK'S FINGERLICKEN' CHICKEN.
HEH-HEH-HEH!!

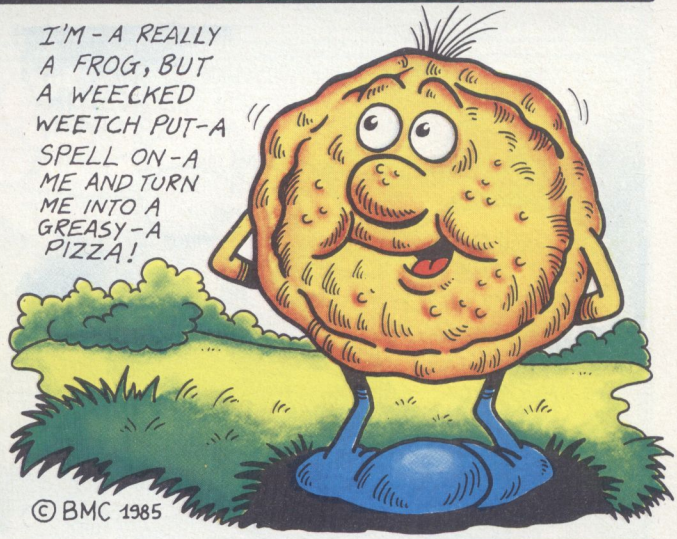
RODNEY GATHERS HIS GEAR AND GOES CLIMBING AT THE COLONEL'S...
AAH! WHAT A SUCCULENT AROMA! COME TO UNCLE RODNEY, CHICKABIDDIES!
?
COLONEL CLUCK'S FINGERLICKIN CHICKEN!
A BITE! GOTCHA! TENDER, JUICY, SUCCULENT (DROOL)-
!
AAARGH! C-C-COLONEL C-CLUCK!
THAT'S RIGHT, RODNEY! STAND BY FOR THE COLONEL CLUCK SPECIAL!!
ANOTHER HELPING, RODNEY?
WHAT'S UP, RODNEY? DON'T YOU LIKE CHICKEN?
URGH...
SUDDENLY I'VE COME OVER ALL VEGETARIAN!
END
BÜSCH-BEINHORN 84

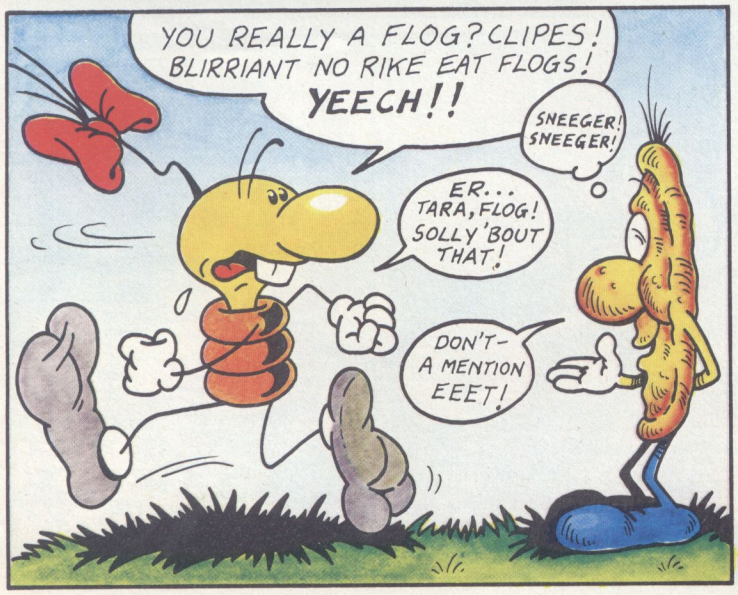
MR. BLIRRIANT

TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED





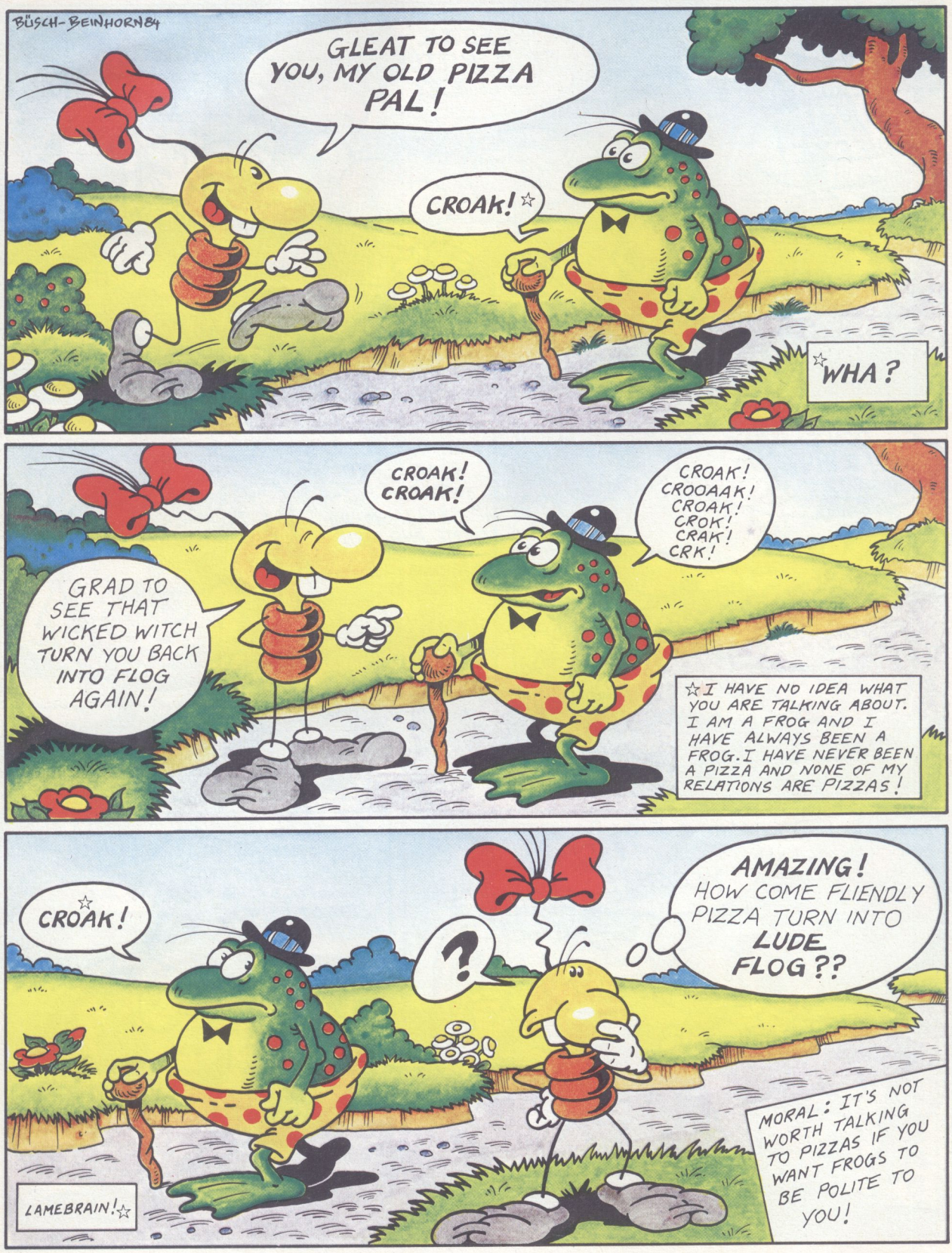


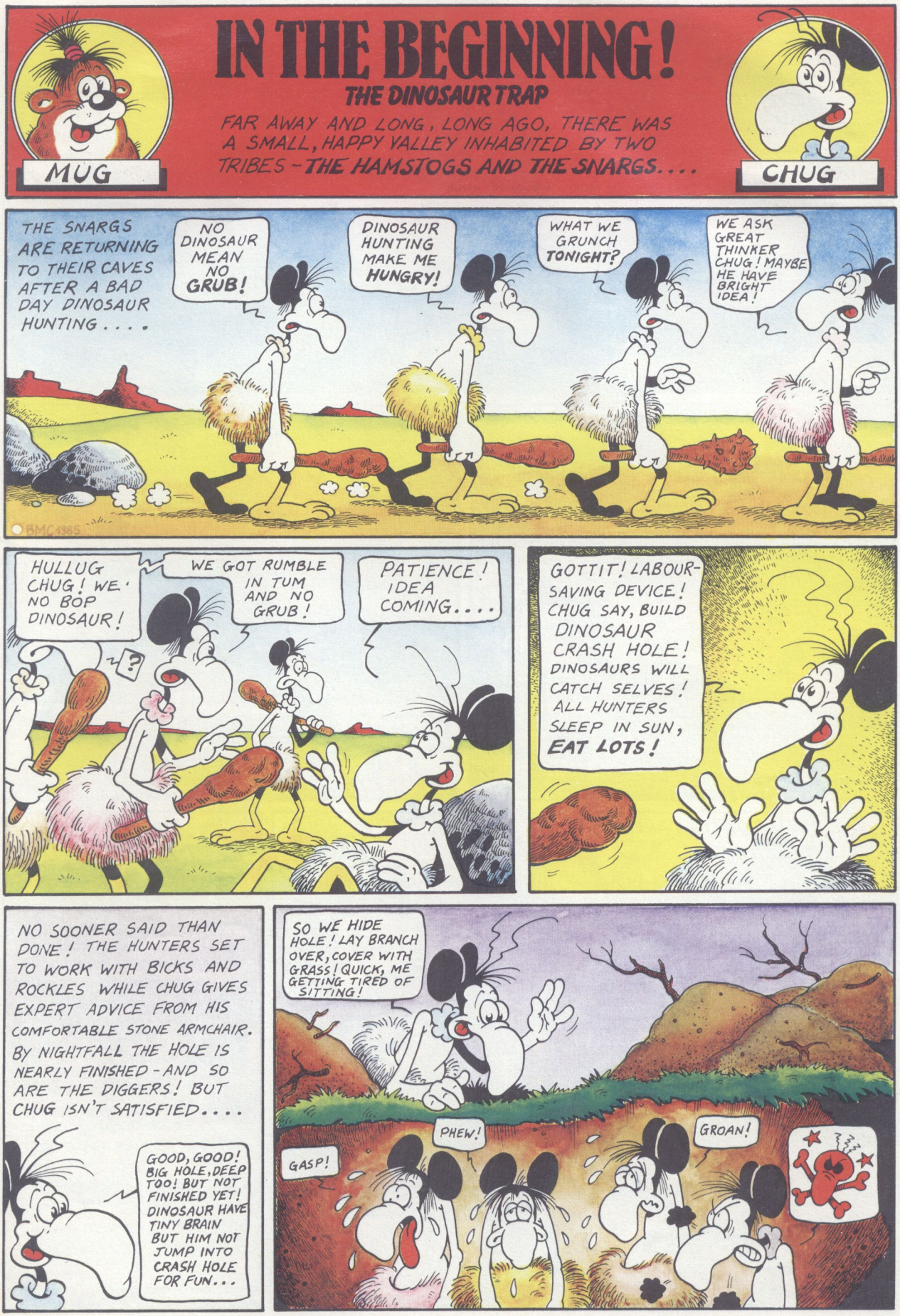

YOU REALLY A FLOG? CLIPES! BLIRRIANT NO RIKE EAT FLOGS! YEECH!!
SNEEGER! SNEEGER!
ER... TARA, FLOG! SOLLY 'BOUT THAT!
DON'T- A MENTION EEET!

HE REAL DIM, THAT MR. BLIRRIANT! HOW COME HE NO-A SEE THAT I'M A REAL PIZZA WEETH CHEESE AND TOMATO, EXTRA TUNA, NO ANCHOVY? EEDIOT! HEH, HEH!!!

MR. BLIRRIANT

TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED


BÜSCH-BEINHORN84
GLEAT TO SEE YOU, MY OLD PIZZA PAL!
CROAK!☆
☆WHA?
GRAD TO SEE THAT WICKED WITCH TURN YOU BACK INTO FLOG AGAIN!
CROAK! CROAK!
CROAK! CROOAAK! CROAK! CROK! CRAK! CRK!
☆I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT. I AM A FROG AND I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A FROG. I HAVE NEVER BEEN A PIZZA AND NONE OF MY RELATIONS ARE PIZZAS!
☆CROAK!
?
AMAZING! HOW COME FLIENDLY PIZZA TURN INTO LUDE FLOG??
LAMEBRAIN!☆
MORAL: IT'S NOT WORTH TALKING TO PIZZAS IF YOU WANT FROGS TO BE POLITE TO YOU!


IN THE BEGINNING!
THE DINOSAUR TRAP
FAR AWAY AND LONG, LONG AGO, THERE WAS A SMALL, HAPPY VALLEY INHABITED BY TWO TRIBES - THE HAMSTOGS AND THE SNARGS....
MUG
CHUG
THE SNARGS ARE RETURNING TO THEIR CAVES AFTER A BAD DAY DINOSAUR HUNTING....
NO DINOSAUR MEAN NO GRUB!
DINOSAUR HUNTING MAKE ME HUNGRY!
WHAT WE GRUNCH TONIGHT?
WE ASK GREAT THINKER CHUG! MAYBE HE HAVE BRIGHT IDEA!
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HULLUG CHUG! WE NO BOP DINOSAUR!
?
WE GOT RUMBLE IN TUM AND NO GRUB!
PATIENCE! IDEA COMING....
GOTTIT! LABOUR-SAVING DEVICE! CHUG SAY, BUILD DINOSAUR CRASH HOLE! DINOSAURS WILL CATCH SELVES! ALL HUNTERS SLEEP IN SUN, EAT LOTS!
NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE! THE HUNTERS SET TO WORK WITH BICKS AND ROCKLES WHILE CHUG GIVES EXPERT ADVICE FROM HIS COMFORTABLE STONE ARMCHAIR. BY NIGHTFALL THE HOLE IS NEARLY FINISHED - AND SO ARE THE DIGGERS! BUT CHUG ISN'T SATISFIED....
GOOD, GOOD! BIG HOLE, DEEP TOO! BUT NOT FINISHED YET! DINOSAUR HAVE TINY BRAIN BUT HIM NOT JUMP INTO CRASH HOLE FOR FUN...
SO WE HIDE HOLE! LAY BRANCH OVER, COVER WITH GRASS! QUICK, ME GETTING TIRED OF SITTING!
GASP!
PHEW!
GROAN!

AT LAST THE CRASH HOLE IS HIDDEN. THE HUNTERS STAGGER BACK TO THEIR CAVES AND CRAWL UNDER THE STANKETS. SOON THEY ARE SNORING. ONLY CHUG THE GREAT THINKER IS AWAKE. IN SPITE OF HIS HARD DAY'S SITTING, HE IS NOT TIRED. **WILL HIS NEW INVENTION BE A SUCCESS?**

TWEET!

ON, ON, MIGHTY HUNTERS! FOLLOW ME TO GRUNCH! TALLY-UG!

?

TALLY-UG!

TALLY-UG!

SUDDENLY THE SILENCE OF THE VALLEY IS SHATTERED....

AARG!

WHOOPS

GAAH!

GEROF!

?

!

STARTLED HAMSTOGS POP OUT OF THEIR BURROWS..

FLAP EARS! MUG HEAR BIG YOWLING FROM SNARGS!

UG?

UG?

UG?

UUUUGGG!!

HOW PUZZLING!

LABOUR-SAVING DEVICE, CHUG SAY!

SPEAK TO CHUG LATER!

UG! HOLE LOT HAVE FALLEN IN! WHAT A PIT OF BAD LUCK!

HEE! HEE! SHUT YOUR TRAP, MUG! HO, HO!

HA, HA!

IT IS AMAZING TO THINK THAT THIS TYPE OF PRIMITIVE JOKE STILL SURVIVES AFTER 100 MILLION YEARS. **THE END**

DICTIONARY OF PRIMITIVE EXPRESSIONS

GRUNCH - A MEAL - OR TO EAT, THROWING BONES OVER SHOULDER AND WIPING HANDS ON LOIN CLOTH.

GREAT THINKER - TRIBE MEMBER WHO LIES IN THE SUN ALL DAY WHILE OTHERS GO HUNTING.

BOP - TO TICKLE WITH A CLUB.

RUMBLE IN TUM - EMPTY FEELING BROUGHT ON BY NOT BOPPING DINOSAURS.

BICK - PICKAXE MADE FROM TYRANNOSAURUS TEETH.

ROCKLE - SHOVEL MADE OF STONE.

CRASH HOLE - DINOSAUR OR HEFFALUMP TRAP.

STANKETS - STONE BLANKETS.

FLAP EARS - LISTEN CLOSELY.

NEXT ISSUE: **FIRE!!!**

Dr. Charlie Snark in
THE LONGEST DAY!
THIS CAR CERTAINLY LIKES THE COUNTRY, AUNTIE!
?
?
?
?
?
FOR HORST
IT DOESN'T WANT TO GO HOME!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN INCOMPETENT NEPHEW?
BÜSCH-BEINHORN 84

MIKE'S HISTORY OF THE WORLD. HANNIBAL CROSSES THE ALPS, 218 a.d.

TSB
BANK
THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES